Voice of Emmanuel

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

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June 2025

Siblings in Christ,

The transition team is warmly inviting you to a congregational conversation. The team has been working diligently for some months and we now want to engage you and the whole Emmanuel community in a conversation around identity, mission, and vision for the future.

We want to hear from you and get your input, but more than just opinions, we are hoping to create an ongoing dialog where we can dream, think, and share together. We are called to be honest and realistic in a time of reflection and that is best found in open and candid conversation.

Looking at the history of this congregation, what types of ministries has it focused on?

Core Values are the fundamental, deeply held, foundational beliefs and principles that guide the culture, decisions, and actions. What are your core values? What are Emmanuel's Core Values? What principles are important to who we are and what we do? What elements mark Emmanuel's character?

We want to think and talk about our mission too. What is Emmanuel's purpose? What is God calling us to do and be at this time and place?

And finally, looking forward, we want to consider our vision. Where do you see the congregation in five years? Where do you want the congregation to be in five years?

We want you to be part of this discussion and help shape the dialog. We will meet after worship on the Sundays of **June 22nd and 29th** for **coffee hour conversations.** If you are willing and able to contribute refreshments for this time together, that would be much appreciated.

Gratefully,

Pastor Joshua Rinas

Happy Birthday to all who were born in June!
Justin Blanton, Brett Chardenet, Tracey McIntee, Pamela Chevalier, Seth Brown, Jennifer Mays, Paige Harding, Frederick Hoitash, and Mary Price

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June 1st - *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Children's Music Time
Children's Music Time is taking a hiatus! Enjoy your Summer and see you in the Fall!

Birthday Sunday
Join us for a birthday coffee hour from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

June 3rd

Bend and Stretch, Reach for the Stars Exercise Class
Tuesday mornings 10:30am – 11:30am. Dress comfortably, bring a water bottle to stay hydrated and a yoga mat if you have one. The cost is $5.00 per one hour class, payable at class. Participants will be required to sign a liability waiver.

Transition Team Meeting
The Transition Team will be meeting on Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

June 4th

Quilting
This will be the last day the quilting group will meet until September 3rd.

Bible Study
Pastor Joshua's Bible study class will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 12:30pm – 2:00pm.

June 5th

Bend and Stretch, Reach for the Stars Exercise Class
Thursday mornings 9:30am – 10:30am. Dress comfortably, bring a water bottle to stay hydrated and a yoga mat if you have one. The cost is $5.00 per one hour class, payable at class. Participants will be required to sign a liability waiver.

Refresh Committee
The Refresh committee meets Thursdays 10:30am – 12:00pm. If interested in joining please see Dee Fleszar.

June 7th

MIOCA Survivor Gathering
Meeting in the Gathering area 10:00am – 12:00pm.

June 8th - *Day of Pentecost*

Food Pantry 101
Sunday June 8, after the 10am service! Come find out the ins and outs of being a Feeding America, Food Gatherers Food Pantry!

June 12th

Class of '53
The Class of '53 meets every 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:00am – 11:00am.

June 14th

Washtenaw Refugee Welcome
The Washtenaw Refugee Welcome group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

June 15th - *The Holy Trinity – Happy Father's Day!*

Handbell and Chancel Choirs
The choirs will be taking a break for the summer.

June 17th

Let's Go Out to Eat!
The Membership Committee would like to invite to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, June 17th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

June 22nd - *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 29th – *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

History in Maps
The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Schedule for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start June 29th at 11:30 AM, following church services, in the lounge.

There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

SOCIAL CONCERNS **APRIL NUMBERS**

Clothes Closet
97 families representing 309 people were served by the Clothes Closet in April. Donations are accepted Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30a or left in the Clothes Closet bin in the Gathering Area.

Food Pantry
243 families representing 596 individuals visited 431 times for servicing a total of 1057 people were served in April. The Food Pantry received 12,791 pounds of food valued at $19,502.41, from Food Gatherers grant funding and USDA free food. April average attendance was just over 86 families per week.

There has been a decrease in the amount of food available from Food Gatherers, yet Food Gatherers is upholding their prior commitment of their food grants through the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2025. Emmanuel has paid nothing for all of the food distributed so far in 2025. If you are interested in helping Food Gatherers support the 140 county agencies (including Emmanuel's Food Pantry) that depend on Food Gatherers, go to http://www.foodgatherers.org and click on "Donate Now".

Quilting
Quilting will happen June 4 at 11am in the Gathering area. No experience necessary, come and join the small team! After June 4, the Quilting team will take a summer hiatus until September 3!

If you need medical equipment, there is a medical loan closet at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 2025 E. Clark Rd., 734-544-8300. Information on other local medical loan closets can be found at http://www.loanclosets.org

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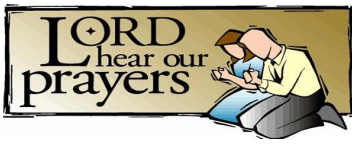
Prayers requested for:



John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, the family and friends of Don and of Jim.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal: Select payment type “Friends and Family” using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Colin Breslow
(Kim Boyce's son)

Graduated from University of Michigan on Saturday May 3rd.

Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering

George Goonis
(Nephew of Monica & Dennis Doerr)

Graduating from Livonia Churchill High School.

Plans to study business at Schoolcraft College.

Favorite scripture: Matthew 28:6 – "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Cole Heien
(Linda King's grandson)

Graduated from Eastern Michigan University with Honors, in April receiving a Bachelor of business administration, his major is in finance.

Brayden Long
(Son of Mark and Jennifer Wenzel)

Graduating from Lincoln High School. He finished top 10 in his class at Lincoln.

He plans to major in Nursing at EMU in the Fall.

Verity Poisson
(Daughter of former members Chris and Laila Poisson)

Graduating from Portage Central High School in Portage, MI this spring.

She will attend Michigan State University in the fall, with an interest in education.

A favorite hymn of Verity's is the Canticle of the Turning.

Cooper Meadows
(Grandson of Sharon Meadows)

Graduating from Romeo High School.

Will study Business Administration at Cleary University.

Tessa Meadows
(Granddaughter of Sharon Meadows)

Graduate of Northville High School.

Business major at MSU.

Zoe Konstantina Philipsen
(Judy Philipsen's granddaughter)

Graduating with Honors from Louisville High School, in Calabasas, California.

Attending University of California – Davis in the fall of 2025.

Max Meissner
(Judy Philipsen's grandson)

Graduating from Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands in August.

He plans to go to graduate school in Bioengineering.

Kate McGovern
(Granddaughter of Dee Fleszar)

She is graduating from Saline High School.

In the fall she will be going to Northern Michigan University.

Jane McGovern
(Granddaughter of Dee Fleszar)

She is graduating from Hope College with a degree in Communications.

In June she will begin her Master's degree at University of Michigan.

Brooklyn Arendt
(Great niece of Diane Safford)

Graduating from Saline High School this year.

Celebrate Pride Month with St. Luke's Episcopal Church!

Join us this June for a series of events centering queer voices, healing, and faith. Whether you're seeking spiritual connection, open conversation, or supportive community, there's something here for you:

🌈 **Pride Mass**
Sunday, June 8 at 5:30 PM
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 120 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
A joyful, affirming Eucharist celebrating LGBTQ+ identities and love, followed by a community potluck. All are welcome!

🍻 **Queer Theology on Tap**
Thursday, June 12, 6:30–8:00 PM
734 Brewing Company, 15 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti
Grab a drink and join us for a lively discussion on how LGBTQ+ experience can deepen Christian faith. Facilitated by a gay priest!

🎬 **"Pray Away": A Conversation on Queer Healing and Hope**
Thursday, June 19, 6:30–9:00 PM
22 North Gallery, 22 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
Watch and discuss *Pray Away*, a Netflix documentary on the "ex-gay" movement and how queer-affirming faith communities are bringing hope and healing today.

🗣️ **You Are Not Alone: Sharing Our Voices**
Sunday, June 1, 6:30–8:00 PM
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 120 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
A supportive evening of conversation, creativity, and connection in response to scary times. Snacks provided.

Let's celebrate love, justice, and the sacredness of every person—together.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER 7 8:45am Handbell Choir 9:30am Chancel Choir 10am Worship 11am Birthday Coffee Hr 1pm Visitation 2pm Westerberg funeral 6pm Scouts	**2**	**3** 10:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 1pm Food Gatherers Delivery 5:30pm-7:30pm Transition Team Mtg.	**4** 9am—10:30am Clothes Closet 11am –1pm Quilting 12:30-2:00pm Bible Study Class 3pm-5pm Food Pantry 8pm-9pm AA Meeting	**5** 9:30am Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am—12:30pm Refresh Committee Justin Blanton	**6** 6pm –8pm NA Meeting	**7** 10am-12pm MIOCA Survivor Gathering
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SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10AM IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM

** Birthdays listed at the bottom of each day*